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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 21, 2004, applicants have the following response: